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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
PCT/IB2004/003270	7 OCTOBER 2004	10 OCTOBER 2004
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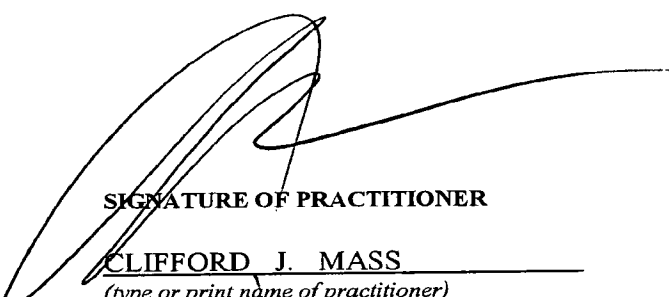
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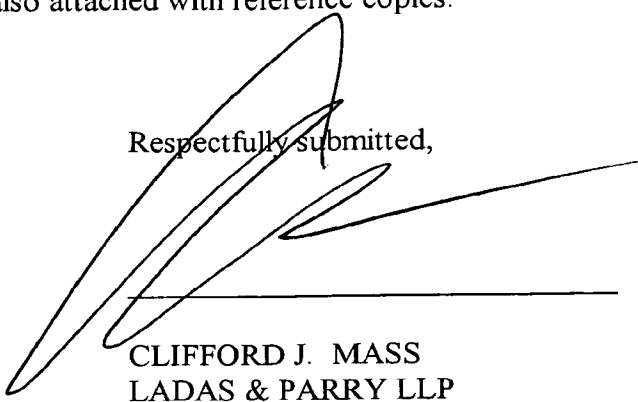
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